

Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)

- Can lead to Myocardial ischaemia, which is characterized by Angina Pectoris

Narrowing of
(Prinzmetal angina)

Atherosclerotic

1) Stable Angina

2) Unstable Angina

3) Myocardial Infarction

Acute

Coronary Syndrome

1) Angina Pectoris

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"To strangle" → Chest -

→ Chest pain due to reduced Blood flow.

1) Stable Angina → Most common type

→ 70% stenosis, but other 30% open.

→ No pain in rest, but cause pain when at exercise or stress, because heart needs more blood.

Cause

i) Atherosclerosis → Most common

ii) Others → Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy.

Aortic stenosis, Hypertension.

Pathology

→ Blood flow cut off to Subendocardium

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Release of adrenaline, Bradykinin, others.

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Pain in, left arm, jaw, shoulder or back.

Sweating, Shortness of Breath -

→ Pain usually for 20 minutes, and goes away after rest.

2) Unstable angina

- Pain occurs during rest or stress or at rest and does not go away in 20 minutes with plaque rupture.
- If not treatment early then might progress for Myocardial ischemia (Necrosis started) and Angina (heart tissue alive but Ischemic).
- Have Subendocardium blood infarct causes pain.

3) Prinzmetal angina (Vasospastic angina)

- May or may not have atherosclerosis and might occur any time, at rest also.
- Cause → Vasospasm sudden

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Myocardial ischemia

Stable & Unstable = ST segment depression.
↳ Subendocardial ischemia.

Prinzmetal angina = ST segment elevation.

Clinical Features

S - Diffuse, difficult to localize, Substernal.

O - Sudden, rest, exercising.

C - Pressure, Heaviness, Tightness, Squeezing.

R - To Neck, Jaw, Arm, Back.

A - < Position, Inspiration, Motion.

T - ?

E - & Sweat, Vomiting, Bradycardia, Hypotension.

S - Severe.

First 10 Minutes → Examination

- 1) Check A → Airway
B → Breathing
C → Circulation.
- 2) Physical examination.
- 3) Oxygen Saturation.
 < 90% → Supplement oxygen.
 < 80% → Supplemental ventilation oxygen.
- 4) Resuscitation equipment nearby.
 → Defibrillator.
 → Airway Equipment.
- 5) 325 mg Aspirin (Blood thinner).
 ↳ Unless contradiction (Anaphylaxis or already given).

Investigation:

- ① Blood →
 ↳ CBC, Electrolytes.
 ↳ Creatinine, BUN, Coagulation factors.
 ↳ Lipids.
- ② Cardiac Biomarkers & Acute myocardial damage
 → Troponin T & I → Due to destruction of cardiomyocytes.
 ↳ Positive in Myocardial infarction and some cases of Prinzmetal angina.
 → Creatinine Phosphokinase and LDH are non sensitive and less specific.
 ↳ Brain natriuretic peptide.
- ③ 12 ECG → For 24 hours
 ↳ ST EMI → Prinzmetal angina & Myocardial infarction.
 ↳ NSTEMI → Subendocardial infarction.

(4) Stress test:

→ Measure heart ability to respond to external stress in controlled clinical environment

Treatment

(1) Nitrates → widen arteries, ↑ blood flow to heart
In Prinzmetal can be diagnosis
↳ 3 sublingual doses of 0.4mg, 1 every 5 mins.

(2) B-blockers =
→ Constrict the vessels and reduces the cardiac demand.
→ Contraindicated in Prinzmetal.

Coronary Artery Disease

Left Coronary Artery — Anterior descending → Anterior
Circumflex → Lateral wall

Right Coronary artery — posterior wall

Etiology

i) Atherosclerosis

ii) Non-Atherosclerotic → Arteritis, Spasm of artery, Embolism, Trauma, Thrombosis, thickening, Aneurysm

i) Atherosclerosis:

Unmodifiable risk factor

- Age - Higher
- Family history
- Sex - Male, Female after menopause
- Personality who are aggressive

Modifiable:

- Cigarette smoking
- Sedentary life style
- Hyperlipidemia, CHD, ↑ LDL
- Hypertension
- Diabetes mellitus

Pathology

→ ↑ Endothelial damage

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↑ LDL inside Endothelial

↓ Immune response

Macrophages engulf LDL

↓ Becomes

Dead Monocyte (Foam cells)

↓ More cytokines

Fatty streaks

↓ ↑ Platelet derived growth factor

↑ Smooth Cell Proliferation

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Forms Fibrous Cap + Fatty streak

Coronary artery

Coronary → Angina + MI

Cerebral → Stroke + Cerebral atrophy

Superior mesenteric - Small intestine

Popliteal → Gangrene + Claudication

Renal → Renin-angiotensin, Hypertension

Nomenclature

Type I Initial lesion: (Trotted macrophage / foam cells)

Type II Fatty streak - (Mainly Intracellular lipid accumulation)

Type III (Intermediate) lesion (Type II + small extracellular lipid pools)

Type IV (Atheroma) lesion (Type II + ^{core of} extracellular lipid)

Type V (Fibroatheromatous lesion - Lipid core + Fibrotic layer)

Type VI (Complicated lesion - Haemorrhagic lesion)

Clinical Presentation:

- Acute MI → STEMI + NSTEMI

- Unstable angina

- Stable angina

- Arrhythmia

- Cardiomyopathy

- Sudden cardiac death

Acute Coronary Syndrome:

i) Myocardial Infarction

ii) Unstable Angina

1) Myocardial Infarction:

- Death of the myocardial tissue due to lack of oxygen rich blood flow.

Risk Factors:- Same as Atherosclerosis

Pathogenesis:- Same

- When it affects the endocardium and myocardium.

minutes - Reversible.

Type 20-40 minutes → Irreversible.

When blood comes there it is called Subendocardial infarct.

STEMI.

When blood does not come whole layers affected called as transmural infarct (STEMI). (30%).

Clinical features

Symptoms:

- Chest pain radiating to left arm or jaw
- Sweating, Nausea, Vomiting, Dyspnea
- Painless in diabetes mellitus.

Signs:

- Sympathetic activation → Tachycardia, Sweating, pallor
- Vagal → Vomiting, Bradycardia
- Impaired myocardial function → Hypotension, oliguria, Cool extremities, Narrow pulse pressure, Crackles, Fourth heart sound.
- Tissue damage → Fever.

Investigations

- Cardiac enzymes

Troponin T & Troponin I → 2-4 hrs after, peaking in
between 7-10 days, 24 hrs.
CK-MB → 4 hrs, 24 hrs, return after 48 hrs.

- ECG

within 30 minutes - ST elevation - STEMI Transmural

ST depression/No elevation - NSTEMI - Subendocardial

Before

After 24 hrs - T wave inversion

After 34 hrs - Q wave disappear.

- ↑ CRP, ↑ ESR, ↑ Leucocytes

→ Chest X-ray → Normal in acute. Cardiomegaly in
myocardial attack.

→ Echocardiography

Complication:

0-24 hrs → Arrhythmia, Cardiogenic shock

1-3 days → ↑ Neutrophils due to inflammation
Pericarditis.

3-14 days → ↑ Granulation tissue → Myocardial rupture

2 weeks → Scarring → Heart failure

Treatment:

- Fibrinolytic therapy

- Angioplasty

- PGI₂ - Antiplatelets, Anticoagulants, Nitrates

- Beta blockers, Pain medication